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VIRGINIA PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION Honors Award Winner

The Virginia Pharmacists Association (VPhA), has selected Teresa Graham of Forest, VA as the recipient of the 2015 Ed D. Spearbeck Virginia Pharmacist Service Award. Graham was presented with the award at the Awards Banquet during the VPhA 134th Annual Convention on Tuesday, July 28. This award was created in 1992 to honor association members who have made outstanding contributions of time and talent to the pharmacy profession and to the Virginia Pharmacists Association. It was re-named in 2012 in honor of long-time association member Ed Spearbeck.

Graham graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Pharmacy in 1975. She is currently Pharmacy Director at Central Virginia Training Center and has been a Board Certified Psychiatric Pharmacist since 2002. She established a clinical program at CVTC in 1999 to include a pharmacist as part of the Neuro-Behavioral Review team, a psych ID team and has also served on the College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists Products and Online Publications Committee. Graham is a Past-President of the Little Theatre of Danville, a Past-President of the Danville-Pittsylvania Mental Health Association, and past chair of Piedmont Virginians for Child Abuse Prevention Team. She received the *Frances B. Lyle Award* in 1993 for her service to children. She has been a Free Clinic of Central Virginia volunteer, served as secretary of the Meds Help Board, a member of Churches for Urban Ministry Board, and member of the Board of the Dance Theatre of Lynchburg.

In 1979 Teresa attended her first VPhA Annual Meeting, and in the fall she was elected President of the Southside Pharmacists Association. In 1980 they elected Teresa to serve on the VPhA Council, and she represented them for many years. She has served on almost every committee of VPhA. In 1998-99 Teresa served as VPhA President. She has served on the VPhA Research and Education Foundation Board of Trustees since 2001. She currently chairs their Fundraising Committee. Teresa has made outstanding contributions to the profession of Pharmacy especially those with intellectual disabilities.

The Virginia Pharmacists Association, founded in 1881, is the professional association representing the pharmacists of Virginia. The purpose of the Association is to assure the viability and vitality of the profession of pharmacy by advocating for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians in legislative, regulatory and public affairs. The focus of advocacy shall be to maximize contributions of the profession to public health, and patient care and to increase public awareness of the value of pharmacy services.